

## Claims

- [c1] 1. A signaling device, comprising:
  - a balloon element having a substantially flat center portion and an inflatable peripheral edge;
  - an inflation valve assembly connected to said peripheral edge;
  - a canister containing compressed gas connected to said inflation valve assembly; and
  - wherein said gas is expelled into said peripheral edge upon activation.
- [c2] 2. A signaling device as defined in claim 1, wherein said balloon element is substantially square shaped.
- [c3] 3. A signaling device as defined in claim 1, wherein said balloon element is substantially circular shaped.
- [c4] 4. A signaling device as defined in claim 1, wherein said center portion includes a first and second member and said first and second member form a pocket capable of holding an object.
- [c5] 5. A signaling device as defined in claim 4, wherein said object includes an anchor connected to an anchor line on one end and said anchor line is connected to one of said

first and second members on a second end.

- [c6] 6. A signaling device as defined in claim 4, wherein said pocket further includes a closure element.
- [c7] 7. A signaling device as defined in claim 1, further including a center inflated portion.
- [c8] 8. A signaling device as defined in claim 1, wherein said activation is by release of a pin.
- [c9] 9. A signaling device as defined in claim 1, wherein said activation is by a water pressure switch.